

The Gazette of India

EXTRAORDINARY

PART I—Section 1

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 73] NEW DELHI, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1957/JYAISTHA 18, 1879

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 8th June 1957

No. 6(1)-TP/57.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Cotton and Hair Belting Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection to the industry should be continued for a period of two years, i.e. till 31st December, 1959, at the existing rate of protective duty of 10½ per cent. *ad valorem* on cotton and hair beltings.
- (2) Imports of hair tops exclusively used for the manufacture of belting yarn should be allowed free of duty.
- (3) Import control in regard to hair yarn should be liberalised by taking into account only the actual production of and not the capacity for this material in the country.
- (4) The Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics should incorporate statistical data in respect of solid woven cotton and hair beltings in terms of inch feet as well as weight in all Trade returns and publications.
- (5) All requirements of indigenous beltings of Government Departments should be met only from belts which have been marked under the Certification Marking Scheme.
- (6) If any indigenous manufacturer produces solid woven train lighting beltings which conform to the requirements of Indian Railways, the latter should give them a trial and review their purchase policy accordingly.
- (7) The manufacturers of beltings should approach the Indian Standards Institution for application of the Certification Marking Scheme to their products.

- (8) All manufacturers of solid woven cotton and hair beltings should in future submit their figures of production, sales, etc. both to Government and to the Tariff Commission in terms of inch feet as well as weight.
- (9) Immediate attempts should be made by the industry to revive the Indigenous Belting Industries Association and make it fully representative of the entire industry.

2. Government accept recommendation (1). The duty on cotton and hair beltings has, however, been recently rounded off to 10 per cent. *ad valorem* under the Finance (No. 2) Bill, 1957. The necessary legislation which will be undertaken in due course to continue protection to the industry will therefore provide for the continuance of the levy of duty at this revised rate.

3. Recommendation (3) has been noted and will be taken into consideration along with other relevant factors while formulating the import policy from time to time.

4. Government have also taken note of recommendations (4) and (5) and steps will be taken to implement them as far as possible.

5. Recommendations (2) and (6) are under consideration.

6. The attention of the Industry is invited to recommendations (6), (7), (8) and (9).

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

S. RANGANATHAN, Secy.